



## **Colchester Sewer and Water Commission**

### **Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Municipal Office Complex  
Colchester, Connecticut**

**Members Present:** R. LeMay, S. Coyle, R. Silberman, Robert Peter, K. Frantzen, T. Hochdorfer (7:10)

**Members Absent:** T. Tripodi,

**Others Present:** J. Paggioli (Public Works)

1. **Call to Order**- Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Sewer and Water Commission April 10, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 Regular monthly meeting with the amendment concerning that there was no April Meeting of the Joint Facilities, by K. Frantzen, second and amendment by R. Peter; Motion approved 4-0 (R. Silberman abstained)
3. **Citizen's Comments** - None
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - A. **Finance – Transfers, Monthly financial reports, Quarterly billing, Disputes, other**

Transfers – None

Monthly Financials – Monthly financials were distributed and discussed.

Quarterly Billing –As of 4/30/14 we have collected 92% of the projected budget and we have billed out 99.1% of the “projected”.

Disputes: None
5. **Water Activities**

**A. Water Activities Report –**

- 1) Service Work: Mark outs, Quarterly Readings, Finals. Profiles, Service Calls.
- 2) New Developments. Begin Dollar General. Staff time coordinating requirements. 2 New Connections Northwoods.
- 3) Taintor Hill Treatment Plant: Coordination of Plant operations.
- 4) Hydrant Flushing complete through the high pressure zone.
- 5) Distribution enhancement work, Inline valve Broadway and hydrant replacement plan work. On hold for season.
- 6) Staff implementation of budget, coordination with new vendors, old vendor issues.
- 7) 50% complete mapping project for Well 3A potential site at plant.
- 8) Monthly Water Quality Sampling- **No issues.**
- 9) Mainbreaks: 0 Shutoffs: 0
- 10) Pam McCann has obtained her Class IV operator's full license.
- 11) Received Cross Connection Survey Compliance from DPH
- 12) Replaced un-necessary Backflow device WJJMS.
- 13) Extensive Confined Space OSHA compliance training, signs, documentation.

**B. Water Projects Status –**

- 1) Operations were normal.

**6. Sewer Activities**

**A. Joint Facilities Report –** Meeting to be held next Tuesday 5/13/14

**B. Sewer Activities Report –** No unusual activities within Colchester. High flows from Hebron and East Hampton.

**C. Sewer Projects Status –** Replacement of Underground tank replacement proceeding. Rotary Drum Thickener project has been determined to proceed. Hebron was made aware of the issue proceeding.

**7. Old Business**

**A. Budget Discussion –** Motion was made that The Sewer and Water Commission hereby recommend to the Board of Selectmen the Proposed Operational Sewer and Water Budget for FY14-15 as presented for approval and adoption. The Water portion totaling \$ 934,804 and Sewer portion totaling \$850,362. The budget as presented reflects a 1.5 percent increase of the existing water rates and a zero percent increase of the existing sewer rates of FY 13-14 to be applied for FY 14-15. Motion by R. Peter, Seconded by K. Frantzen. Motion Passed: 6-0-0

(Note: K. Frantzen had to leave the meeting following this item)

**B. Colchester Courtyard Update –**

Mr. Paggioli explained that a hearing was conducted between DPH, PURA, GAIA and the Town of Colchester on 4/30/14 that included the history of the changed conditions and it was continued for three weeks in order to accept the agreed to document by the DPH, Attorney General's Office, GAIA, and The Town of Colchester. Mr. Paggioli provided a copy of the final draft to the Commission for reference. Mr. Paggioli having reviewed the document and being familiar with the documentation and studies that have led to this point where the

interconnection order for the GAIA/Colchester Courtyard Water System and the Town of Colchester Water system is to be vacated, recommend that the Commission recommends to the Board of Selectman, that the First Selectman be authorized to sign the motion-agreement that will vacate the Interconnection Order. The agreement is basically between GAIA and the DPH stipulating the requirements of the Operations and Maintenance of that GAIA system and the requirement to follow the long term plan. Mr. Paggioli explained that the Town (and Commission) is not obligated to perform any of the work or have any financial responsibility for the GAIA system. That the Town is simply a signatory due the original filings and interconnection order, and the fact that we were instrumental in the final decision.

**A motion was made that The Sewer and Water Commission recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to sign the motion regarding the Proposed Second Amended Decision in Docket No. 02-03-17 REO2 an regarding the GAIA Gardens/Colchester Water System vacating of previous orders, and the requirements for interconnection of the Water Systems. Motion by R. Peter, Seconded by S. Coyle. Motion Passed 5-0-0.**

**C. Capital Planning Update.-** In response to presented opportunity for long-term lease possibilities, evaluation of 3 locations were conducted. The most advantageous location is presently owned by the Town of Colchester. Further research investigation is being conducted in order to plan for required regulatory approvals. Existing mapping for location and potential Well 3A site at plant 90% complete. After consultation with S. Klobukowski, the priorities of the system are 1) Redevelopment of Well 5A (**Completed 4/2013**) ; 2) Begin Well 3 replacement project and combine with test drilling on potential sites for future source and diversion permit; **3) Recoating of Interior of Elmwood Tanks.** Monies for contract costs paid. Received E-mail correspondence from Marcel Payeur Company requesting additional payment, but no measurement that verify over 55% Metal Depth loss. 5/14-Contractor still would like money, but can/has not provide data.

**D. Stream Flow Regulations -** No new specific issues to report.

**E. Energy Performance Contract –** Installation of the Transformer upgrades are completed at the Filtration Plant. O&M Building Sealing is completed. Lighting is complete. Building Automation system is being online 5/7/14. Initial analysis for electric use shows that the plant is exceeding electrical savings, (with exception of tank recoating project drain/fill/etc use) due to the “non-degree day” influence on the plant overall.

Other Discussion regarding Leakage at the Recreation Spray Park and Overall future Staffing levels were held during the meeting. It was the consensus to begin a sub-committee to address a letter to the Selectmen in regard to the loss of water at the Spray Park.

- 8. Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn, by S. Coyle, second by R. Silberman; Motion approved 5-0. Chairman LeMay adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Paggioli, L.S.